

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A consumer electronic device configured for making its content available comprising:

an output means able configured to generate a human perceptual signal of content, wherein the content is to be made available to share with a further electronic device in a vicinity of the consumer electronic device;

a transmitter able configured to transmit a human non-perceptual signal; and

a control unit configured (i) to control the output means, (ii) to create a representation of the human perceptual signal of the content being generated by the output means, and (iii) to instruct the transmitter to broadcast a human non-perceptual signal comprising the representation;

wherein the control unit is further configured to instruct the output means to make a received human perceptual signal, generated from a further human non-perceptual signal that is received from a further electronic device for accessing new content, more noticeable if it is in response to being received from a nearby further electronic device and less noticeable if it is in response to being received from a remote further electronic device.

2. (Previously Presented) The consumer electronic device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the output means comprises at least one of a speaker and a headphone.

3. (Previously Presented) The consumer electronic device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the output means comprises a display.

4. (Currently Amended) The consumer electronic device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to instruct the transmitter to transmit a human non-perceptual signal comprising an identifier identifying the human perceptual signal.

5. (Currently Amended) The consumer electronic device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a receiver ~~able~~ configured to receive [[a]] the further human non-perceptual signal, wherein the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to use the receiver to detect a free time-slot in a transmission medium, and the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to instruct the transmitter to transmit the human non-perceptual signal in the free timeslot.

6. (Currently Amended) The consumer electronic device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a receiver ~~able~~ configured to receive a further human non-perceptual signal, wherein the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to use the receiver to receive a control signal, and the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to schedule ~~own~~ transmissions in accordance with the control signal.

7. (Currently Amended) The consumer electronic device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising is a receiver ~~able~~ configured to receive a further human non-perceptual signal, wherein the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to use the receiver to detect a level of occupation of a transmission medium, and the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to instruct the transmitter to adapt its transmission power in dependency of the level of occupation.

8. (Currently Amended) The consumer electronic device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to instruct the transmitter to transmit a human non-perceptual signal comprising a transmission power of the transmitter.

9. (Currently Amended) An electronic device for accessing new content comprising:

an output means for generating a human perceptual signal;

a receiver ~~able~~ configured to receive a human non-perceptual signal; and

a control unit configured (i) to use the receiver to receive multiple human non-perceptual signals comprising representations of multiple further human perceptual signals of content available for sharing by further electronic devices in a vicinity of the electronic device and ~~able~~ (ii) to instruct the output means to generate the human perceptual signal from the representations;

wherein the control unit is further configured to instruct the output means to make a received human perceptual signal, generated from a further human non-perceptual signal that is received from a further electronic device for accessing the new content, more noticeable if it is in response to being received from a nearby further electronic device of the further electronic devices and less noticeable if it is in response to being received from a remote further electronic device of the further electronic devices.

10. (Currently Amended) The electronic device as claimed in claim 9, further comprising an input means for enabling a user to select at least one of the representations, wherein ~~and~~ the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to instruct the output means to generate the human perceptual signal from the at least one of the representations in response to a user selection.

11. (Currently Amended) The electronic device as claimed in claim 10, further comprising a communication means for establishing communication between users, wherein ~~and~~ the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to use the communication means to establish communication between a user of the electronic device and a user of a similar electronic device having transmitted a human non-perceptual signal comprising the at least one representation.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) The electronic device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to use the receiver to receive multiple human non-perceptual signals comprising representations of acoustic signals.

14. (Currently Amended) The electronic device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to use the receiver to receive multiple human non-perceptual signals comprising representations of visual signals.

15. (Currently Amended) The electronic device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to use the receiver to receive a human non-perceptual signal comprising an identifier identifying a further human perceptual signal and ~~able~~ to instruct a display to display the identifier.

16. (Currently Amended) The electronic device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to use a storage means to store at least one of: (i) an identifier identifying a further human perceptual signal and (ii) at least a part of the representation of the further human perceptual signal.

17. (Currently Amended) The electronic device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the receiver is ~~able~~ further configured to receive a human non-perceptual signal comprising a geographical position of a further electronic device transmitting a human non-perceptual signal comprising a representation of a further human perceptual signal.

18. (Currently Amended) The electronic device as claimed in claim 9, wherein ~~wherein~~:

——the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to use the receiver to receive a human non-perceptual signal comprising an identifier identifying a further human perceptual signal, the electronic device further comprising;

——~~further comprised~~ is an input means for enabling a user to request additional information; and

~~further comprised~~ is a transmitter ~~able~~ configured to transmit a human non-perceptual signal, wherein signal;

——the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to instruct the transmitter to transmit a human non-perceptual signal comprising a request for information and the identifier; and

the control unit is ~~able~~ further configured to use the receiver to receive a human non-perceptual signal comprising additional information in responsive to the request.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of making content available, ~~comprising the acts of~~:

creating a representation of a human perceptual signal of content generated by a first electronic device, wherein the content is to be made available to share with a second electronic device in a vicinity of the first electronic device; and

broadcasting the representation as a human non-perceptual signal for playback of the human perceptual signal by ~~[[a]]~~ the second electronic device, wherein the second electronic device generates the human perceptual signal, in response to the received representation, to access the content as more noticeable if the second electronic device is near the first ~~consumer~~ electronic device and less noticeable if second electronic device is remote from the first electronic device.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of accessing new content by a first electronic device, comprising ~~the acts of~~:

receiving representations of human perceptual signals of new content being generated as human perceptual signals, wherein the representations comprise human non-perceptual signals of the human perceptual signals of new content broadcast by further electronic devices in a vicinity of the first electronic device; and

generating a human perceptual signal of the new content at the first electronic device from the representations, wherein the generated human perceptual signal is more noticeable ~~if it is~~ in response to being received from a nearby electronic device of the further electronic devices and less noticeable ~~if it is~~ in response to being received from a remote electronic device of the further electronic devices.

21. (Currently Amended) A system for sharing human perceptual signals of content between electronic devices within a vicinity of one another, the system comprising:

a first component ~~able~~ configured to create and broadcast a first representation of a first human perceptual signal representative of content being generated by the first component and for sharing with a further component in the vicinity of the first component;

a second component ~~able~~ configured to create and broadcast a second representation of a second human perceptual signal representative of content being generated by the second component and for sharing with a further component in the vicinity of the second component; and

a third component ~~able~~ configured to receive the first and the second representation and ~~able~~ further configured to generate a third human perceptual signal representative of shared content in response to ~~from~~ the first and the second representation;

wherein the third human perceptual signal is more noticeable ~~if it is~~ in response to being received from a nearby electronic device of the first and second components

and less noticeable if it is in response to being received from a remote electronic device of the first and second components.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium embodying a computer program comprising instructions for:

receiving representations of human perceptual signals of new content at a first electronic device, wherein the representations comprise human non-perceptual signals of the human perceptual signals of new content broadcast by further electronic devices in a vicinity of the first electronic device; and

generating a human perceptual signal of the new content at the first electronic device from the representations;

wherein the generated human perceptual signal of the new content at the first electronic device is more noticeable ~~if it is~~ in response to being received from a nearby electronic device of the further electronic devices and less noticeable ~~if it is~~ in response to being received from a remote electronic device of the further electronic devices.